

September 17, 2009  
Dennis Rankin  
1400 Independence Ave. SW, Mail Stop 1571  
Washington, DC 20250-1571

Dear Dennis Rankin:

We are the owners of the property identified on the attached exhibit A. This letter is to inform the Southern Colorado Transmissions Improvement Partnership of our displeasure and concerns regarding the placement of the transmission towers through our property near La Veta Pass, in Huerfano County. This parcel was purchased as residential property for retirement. The primary home site will be destroyed by the placement of the transmission lines. The power lines will also impact the reception for cordless phones, radio and television, making it very difficult for residential property owners. We are highly concerned about the health hazards of living near high voltage transmission lines not only for ourselves but also for the wildlife in the area. It can not be healthy.

I-315-001  
I-315-002  
I-315-003

The current proposal (July 31, 2009) has two lines intersecting through our property. We appear to be the only property impacted with multiple lines. This will dissect the property into three pieces. This is an unfair burden on a relatively small parcel and one that will likely constitute a taking of substantially all of the value of the entire parcel.

I-315-004

In order to place the power lines as indicated approximately 23 acres of pine trees and scrub oak will be removed and replaced with transmission towers. This will no longer be the property for retirement dreams and we will no longer be able to sell it for anything close to the current value.

I-315-005

We have not researched 1041 regulations pertaining to Huerfano County, but this transmission line project and the Environmental Impact Study that must follow the current hearings may severely depress real estate values for some residents of Huerfano County for a long time to come, largely for the benefit of residents of other counties.

I-315-006

This property is breathtakingly beautiful as it is covered in pine trees and scrub oak with incredible views of the Spanish Peaks. The property has a stream running through the center. This source of water has created the perfect habitat for multiple species of wildlife. The transmission towers will negatively impact the wildlife that resides on the property and in the area.

I-315-007

Property owned by  
Robert P. Mourning  
Inter Vivos Trust Agreement of Donald B. Mourning  
Enclosure (1)

### **I-315-001: Land Use (In Review)**

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to land use from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

### **I-315-002: Electrical Characteristics (In Review)**

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Electrical characteristics of the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

### **I-315-003: Electrical Characteristics (In Review)**

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Electrical characteristics of the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

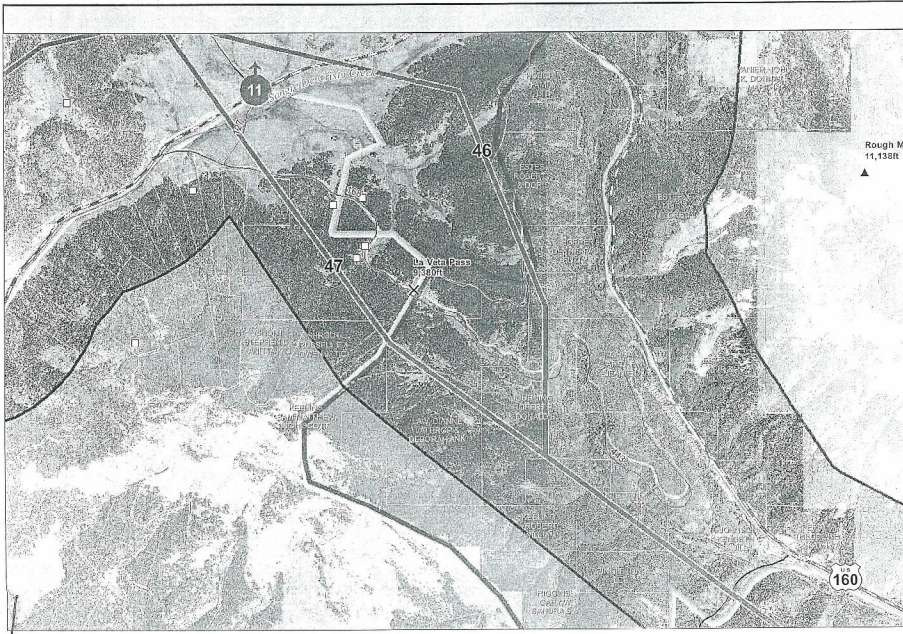
The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

### **I-315-004: Socioeconomic Resources (In Review)**

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in

Exhibit A



late 2010 and will be available at  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

**I-315-005: Socioeconomic Resources (In Review)**

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

**I-315-006: Socioeconomic Resources (In Review)**

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

**I-315-007: Wildlife (In Review)**

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to wildlife from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.